Inclusion of castes in SC list

†3919. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision regrading inclusion of Mallah, Kevat, Vind and Dhimar castes in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken any steps to overcome causes of delay in taking the said decision; and

(c) if so, the dates on which these steps were taken alongwith the details of the steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The processing of proposals of State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes is done in accordance with modalities approved by the Government and completion of process takes time.

Funds released for NGOs

3920 SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released for various NGOs by Government for the years 2002-03,2003-04 and 2004-05, organization-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of categories of frauds and financial irregularities found so far with regard to functioning of NGOs;

(c) whether Government have adopted any remedial measures to curb such frauds and financial irregularities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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